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AA	536	4,326,052	04/20/82	Kang et al.	536	1	
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AC	435	4,377,636	03/22/83	Kang et al.	435	101	
AD	435	4,385,123	05/24/83	Kang et al.	435	253	
AE	252	5,143,646	09/01/92	Nochumson et al.	252	315.3	
AF	564	5,185,466	02/09/93	Kozulic et al.	564	208	
AG	204	5,202,007	04/13/93	Kozulic	204	182.8	
AH	204	5,259,943	11/09/93	Kozulic et al.	204	299 R	
AI	526	5,278,270	01/11/94	Kozulic et al.	526	304	
AJ	526	5,319,046	06/07/94	Kozulic et al.	526	304	
AK	435	5,342,773	08/30/94	Thorne et al.	435	200	
AL	536	5,371,208	12/06/94	Kozulic	536	102	
AM	524	5,438,092	08/01/95	Kozulic et al.	524	555	
AN	525	5,541,255	07/30/96	Kozulic	525	54.3	
AO	525	5,767,196	06/16/98	Kozulic	525	54.3	
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